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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, for which a response is due on October 22, 2004. Applicants hereby elect without traverse Transmission 1 (claims 2, 6-8, 12-14 and 29-37) for continued examination. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application. Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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